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Americans Asked Me to Spy, Swede Quoted

STOCKHOLM, April 23—Col. Stig Wennerstroem, on trial here on charges of spying for Russia, was asked by American secret service agents in 1946 to spy for the United States, an official Swedish document reported today.

The report was made by a judiciary commission set up to investigate the activities of the Swedish air force officer. He is being tried on three counts of handing over Swedish defense information to Russia.

An American embassy spokesman denied tonight that "any American authority" had asked Wennerstroem to spy for the United States.

'Without Foundation'

Earlier this month the American embassy here denied press reports that Wennerstroem had sold information to the United States as well as Russia.

"As the embassy stated on April 11 in connection with earlier press stories alleging that Col. Wennerstroem engaged in illegal activity for United States intelligence agencies, this has been thoroly investigated by the American authorities," the spokesman said.

"All such allegations are completely without foundation," he added.

No Proof at Hand

The Swedish foreign ministry said: "With regard to the claims we wish to point out that the information in question rests entirely on Wennerstroem's own statements to the commission, and that no proof of the information has come to light during the investigation."

The 218 page report said that Wennerstroem stated that the

first time he was drawn into illegal espionage was on American instigation in connection with the soviet air day in Moscow, Aug. 18, 1946.

The commission said that Wennerstroem was asked if he would coöperate with the American secret service against Russia and as a start would he mail a package in Leningrad on a trip to Moscow.

"Posted Package"

"He accepted this commission and posted the package, which he believed to contain radio tubes," he reportt said.

It did not explain the outcome of the episode. Twenty pages of the report have ben censored. It contains information on Wennerstroem's alleged "criminal activities" in Moscow from 1949 to 1952, and in Washington from 1952 to 1957.

The report also said that Wennerstroem had admitted exchanging information with the Germans as early as 1940.

Wennerstroem's trial is being held behind close doors. The judge has informed newsmen that Wennerstroem has admitted all charges against him.

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